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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/553,726	MATSUURA ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Roberto Rábago	1796	

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2008.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                  2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 8 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .                                    |
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|  | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                          |



## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Objections***

1. Claim 2 is objected to because of the following informalities. Appropriate correction is required.
  - (a) In line 12, “presented” should be -- represented --.
  - (b) The marker “(I)” should follow the first catalyst structure to correspond to the description at line 12 (compare original claim 2).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In claims 1 and 2 (and claims 3-7 as dependent thereon), describing MFR<sub>2</sub> with the superscript “-0.53” in formula (ii) cannot be found in the specification as filed. It would appear that the superscript “-0.55” should have been included.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kishine et al. (US 6,063,871) for the reasons set forth in item 2 of the Office action mailed 6/29/2007.

Applicant's arguments filed 1/9/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants argue that the reference does not disclose activation energy. This is correct; however, applicants have provided no basis to conclude that the reference polymers would fail to have the claimed activation energy, particularly in view of the fact that previously cited US 7,205,358 indicates that applicants have claimed virtually the entire conventional range for this parameter. Applicants further argue that the applied examples do not include claimed requirements (ii) and (vii). However, using applicants' own calculation and tables, simple inspection of Tables 1 and 2 shows that Example 4 includes the claimed properties. Specifically, Table 1 shows that Example 4 includes the required MFR and has a value of  $[\eta]$  which is between the upper and lower limits stated in the table, and therefore this example includes property (vii). Similarly, Table 2 shows that Example 4 includes the required MFR and has a value of MT which is between the upper and lower limits stated in the table.

3. Claim 8 is allowed over the prior art currently of record.

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberto Rábago whose telephone number is (571) 272-1109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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